

Iowa Department of Education
Statewide Voluntary Preschool Programs for Four-Year-Old Children

Grant application awards will be contingent on the 2008 legislative appropriation. Additional applicant requirements may be added if legislatively mandated.

Timeline for District Applications Year 2 (2008-2009)	Dates
Revised 2008-2009 Application Packet and Technical Assistance Guidance Manual available on Department website: http://www.iowa.gov/educate/content/view/940/1016/ (Additional application requirements may be added if legislatively mandated. Applicants who file a Letter of Intent will be notified of any changes to the application.)	March 28, 2008
Statewide ICN to review application process (sessions repeated) Reserved ICN sites will be listed in the April School Leader Update and/or at the Department website: http://www.iowa.gov/educate/content/view/940/1016/	April 9, 2008, 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. April 11, 2008, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
Letter of Intent to apply for funding due, but not required; see form available in the application	April 15, 2008
Applications must be postmarked or delivered by 4:30 p.m. on May 9, 2008. Hard copies can be mailed or delivered to: <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> Susan White, Secretary Bureau of Early Childhood Services Iowa Department of Education Third Floor Lobby Grimes State Office Building Des Moines, IA 50319 </div>	May 9, 2008, by 4:30 p.m.
Committee reads district applications	May 21-22, 2008
Department determination and notification of applicant awards	June 9, 2008
Preschool Program Orientation Meeting for those applicants awarded grant funding for 2008-2009 Statewide Voluntary Preschool Programs for Four-Year-Old Children (required attendance; 4-6 team members)	June 25, 2008
Preschool Enrollment Count	September 5, 2008
Contracts issued	October 2008
Districts begin preschool programs (<i>to assure Certified Enrollment Count</i>)	Beginning of school year (no later than October 1, 2008)

Note: Department technical assistance sessions were provided regionally December 2007; January and February 2008.

Department website for the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Programs is located at:
<http://www.iowa.gov/educate/content/view/940/1016/>